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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner alleges that the present application includes claims directed at two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Restriction to election of a single disclosed species is requested. At least claim 38 is considered to be generic by the Examiner.

In Response, Applicant elects Group I for prosecution in the present application, which, as set forth at page 2 of the Office Action, comprises claims 1-37 and 52-58.

In addition, the Restriction Requirement set forth by the Examiner with respect to claims 49-51 of Group II is respectfully traversed for the reason that claims 49-51 are respectfully submitted not to create patentable distinctions with respect to claims 1-37 and 52-58. In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that claims 49-51 include language directed toward a device having a rotatable blade and a blade lock, with the blade lock adapted to prevent unwanted motion of the rotatable blade. Similarly, claims 1, 25, and 52 of Group I also include language concerning a rotatable blade and a blade lock. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that, although the claims of Group I have been elected for prosecution herein, claims 49-51 are sufficiently similar to remain in the present application and be considered and allowed with the elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions or need further information, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned counsel for Applicants at the address and number set forth below.

Accordingly, in view of the above election of claims 1-37 and 52-58 and the above remarks suggesting that claims 49-51 should remain in the present application, an action on the merits of claims 1-37 and 49-58 with a Notice of Allowance, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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